

album Tejas in 1976. Over the next two years, ZZ Top continued to tour and perform before Dusty took a two year hiatus to work at the DFW airport saying "I did not want other people to think I thought I was full of myself, but the main thing is I didn't want to start feeling full of myself. So, I did it to ground myself."—a mindset many members in this very Chamber could benefit from.

During this 2-year downtime is when Dusty and his band mate Billy Gibbons grew their trademark long beards. When Dusty, Billy, and Frank remerged together in 1979, the band found success with their album Deguello, which went platinum and had another one of their hits "Cheap Sunglasses".

But it wasn't until 1983 that ZZ Top really hit it big with their album Eliminator which introduced us to classic rock hits "Gimme All Your Lovin" and "Sharp Dressed Man" which remain staples on classic rock radio to this day.

Over the next three decades, the band stuck together touring all across Texas and the world, entertaining tens of millions of fans. They continued to find success playing together until Dusty's passing just three days ago.

I know Dusty is missed greatly, but his music and personality will live on forever as a staple of Texas and Rock and Roll history.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS AND SERVICE OF P. EARLE GLEASON, WHO SERVED HIS NATION AND COMMUNITY ADMIRABLY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the service of P. Earle Gleason as an honored Vietnam Veteran, Yates County Veterans' Service Agency Director, and Chairman of the 23rd Congressional District's Academy Selection Committee.

P. Earle Gleason served his nation upon being drafted into the United States Army in January 1968. A distinguished Vietnam War combat veteran, who served with the America Division, Mr. Gleason was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge; the Bronze Star; and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant in September 1969 after a tour in Vietnam.

As a lifelong resident of Yates County, Earle Gleason has dedicated a lifetime of commitment and service to his country and to his community, particularly in service to local veterans. His efforts benefiting veterans began with his career with the Yates County Veterans' Service Agency as Service Officer in July 1994. He later became Director of the Agency in September of 1994 and retired in December 2014 with twenty years of service.

For more than two decades as Director, Earle was respected as a tireless advocate for his county's more than two thousand veterans. He was also recognized by the community at large through his dedication to community service within the Johnson Costello American Legion Post 355, and as a Milo Town Councilman for twenty-four years. He is currently serving as a Yates County Legislator.

While Earle gives so much of himself in many areas of our community, we also greatly

appreciate his efforts as part of our Academy Selection Committee. He has recently resigned from this work, but we would like to thank him for his time and dedication to the committee, especially in his role as Chairman.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me in recognizing the efforts and service of P. Earle Gleason, Vietnam Veteran, Yates County Veterans' Service Agency Director, and devoted Chairman of the 23rd Congressional District's Academy Selection Committee.

PRAYER FOR HAITI BY PASTOR
NEYLON SAMUEL

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to present a prayer for Haiti on behalf of Pastor Neylon Samuel at World Harvest Seventh Day Adventist Church in the Ninth Congressional District of Texas. Pastor Samuel presented this prayer at a candlelight vigil held on Sunday, July 18, 2021 in remembrance of Haitian President Jovenel Moise.

Gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth, God of all goodness and love, we bring before you today, our brothers and sisters of Haiti. As we lift this nation before you, we recognize that it is you, O God, who made her people in your very image and place within them a hunger and thirst for righteousness and liberty.

They led the Americas in the struggle against slavery, and though they were the first to win lasting freedom, their struggle has never ceased. As you heard the cry of your suffering people in Egypt, today, we pray that you will hear the cry of your people in Haiti calling out for justice.

You—the God—who sees, frees, and redeems people, we ask that you raise up your people in Haiti from the ash heap of despair and give them strong hearts and strong hands. Lift their minds and their spirits and help them to bear this new burden.

As details about the assassination of president Jovenel Moise continue to unravel, we keep the Moise family and the nation of Haiti before you. Grant them your wisdom, strength, and hope in the face of all that is happening in their beautiful homeland. And because you are both a God of mercy and a God of justice. We ask that you exercise your judgment on these horrific acts that have taken place. Heinous acts such as these can shake the strongest of us to our core and make us fearful. But we ask that you will be with those who are hurting and afraid.

We pray that this nation, which is so often noted as the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. This nation that is today, marked by political instability, corruption, civil unrest, crime, and extreme poverty, will once again be known as the "Pearl of the Antilles". We pray for the removal of systemic evils holding back this nation. We pray for schools, trying to educate children amid violence. We pray for light to shine in corrupt areas in the country. Pray for godly leaders in government and business.

God, we ask that you bring healing and prosperity to Haiti. Protect her from those who would abuse her. We pray that her may sorrow cease and her joy abound. Let her generosity be known in all the lands, and her glad songs of freedom be heard to the ends of the earth. Bless her children of that they may know a better world and a brighter future.

As for us, O God, we who are far away from the chaos and the confusion, from the sobbing and moans, but who yet hold the people of Haiti close in our hearts. Imbue us with the strength of Simon of Cyrene, that we may carry the cross of the Haitian people. Show us how to bear their burdens and lighten their yoke with our prayers, our aid, our resources. In our own country, teach us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, O God, that we may stand before you unashamed and with integrity, as we walk hand in hand with our brothers and sisters of Haiti. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
SCOTT LANGUM

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2021

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Captain Scott Langum, Commanding Officer of Air Station Cape Cod as he is relieved of duty.

Captain Langum was born in Colfax, WA. He attended the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, from which he graduated in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in Government. He earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of South Alabama, and a Master in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He married Carmen Harder, also from Colfax, and have two daughters, Kendall, and Paige.

After graduating in 1993, Captain Langum's career began with his first operational tour aboard the USCGC *Sundew* (WLB-404) in Duluth, MN. He later served as the Aids to Navigation Officer for the Greater Antilles Section of San Juan, PR. Additionally, Captain Langum served as Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Houston TX.

As Chief of the Future Operations Division, Captain Langum was responsible for coordinating mission efforts for the Defense Support of Civil Authorities, Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear response, Combating Transnational organized crime, Theater Security Cooperation, Personnel Recovery and Search and Rescue. In addition to these responsibilities, Captain Langum went on to serve as the Military Liaison to the United States Senate, where he was responsible for facilitating the Coast Guard's congressional engagements. After an impressive career, he is retiring from his final post as Commanding Officer of Air Station Cape Cod.

Captain Langum has received the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Meritorious Service Medals, two Commendation Medals, and three Achievement Medals. We thank him for his service and wish him the best in his retirement.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Captain Scott Langum. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his career and commitment to serving our country.